Infant dies, four suffer injuries in two gas leak fire incidents

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI: A four-month-old infant was burnt alive while four others including a woman, sustained burn injuries after being trapped in two gas leak fire incidents in Gulraiz Colony and Dhamial area on Wednesday.

Two separate explosions due to gas leakage occurred in different areas of Rawalpindi, in which a total of four people were injured. Upon receiving information, Rescue 1122 teams immediately reached the spot and started rescue operations.

The first incident took place in Gulshan Iqbal Dhamial road, where an explosion occurred due to a fire caused by a gas leakage in a house.

As a result, a four-month-old, Zainab, daughter of Zeeshan, was burnt alive, while Faisal, 21, sustained 18 per cent, and Ms Fouzia, 50, sustained 20 per cent burn injuries.

Rescue and medical teams immediately provided first aid to all the victims present at the scene and later shifted the injured to a nearby hospital for further treatment. As many as 10 rescue personnel in four emergency vehicles participated in the operation,

The other incident took place in the Gulraiz area when the electricity button was turned on; as a result, a mighty explosion occurred.

Two people sustained burn injuries after being trapped in the fire.

Due to the explosion, window glass came crashing down, while households were damaged.

The firefighters from Rescue 1122 controlled the fire and shifted the injured Tariq, 30, and his wife, Ms Yasmeen, 35, to the Holy Family Hospital.

Meanwhile, Media Coordinator Rescue Rawalpindi Muhammad Usman Gujjar has issued an advisory for citizens, urging them to take special precautions while using gas heaters and stoves during the winter season.

In case of smelling gas, never press the power button or light a fire, but immediately open all doors and windows to ventilate the house and move the family to a safe place.

The spokesman said that most accidents caused by gas leakage are the result of minor negligence, which can be avoided through timely precautions.

In any emergency situation, immediately report to the rescue helpline 1122.

Accidents are increasing due to the use of gas heaters and stoves in homes.

Timely precautions are the only guarantee of protecting lives. Any carelessness in using gas appliances can be dangerous.

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Centre, provinces green-light action plan to enrol out-of-school children

UN agencies including Unicef say over 25 million children are out of school in Pakistan; Punjab announces outsourcing of 10,000 schools

By Kashif Abbasi

MINISTER Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui presides over the 38th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers' Conference at the AIOU in Islamabad on Wednesday. — APP

ISLAMABAD: In a show of unity, the federal government, provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) have approved the 'National Education Action Plan' to tackle the issue of out-of-school children (OOSC) during the 38th Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC).

UN agencies, including Unicef, say that more than 25 million children are out of school in Pakistan, placing the country among those with the highest number globally. The situation is exacerbated by economic hardship, climate-related events and inadequate funding for education.

The meeting, chaired by Federal Minister for Education Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, unanimously endorsed and approved the plan along with its provincial components and other key education-related initiatives following extensive consultations. Sources said participants set targets to reduce the number of out-of-school children over the next five years.

A press release issued by the Ministry of Education said that Minister of State for Education Wajiha Qamar, Federal Parliamentary Secretary Farah Naz Akbar, Federal Secretary Education Nadeem Mahbub and provincial ministers Rahila Hameed Durrani, Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Rana Iqbal Sikandar and Arshad Ayub Khan attended the meeting.

Heads of federal education bodies, including the chairman of the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secodry Education and the executive director of IBCC, were also present.

During the session, participants were briefed on a special federal 'Challenge Fund' aimed at bringing out-of-school children back into the education system, with the federal government extending support to all provinces to address the issue.

The statement said that provincial representatives shared progress reports.

Punjab's Education Minister Rana Sikandar announced the outsourcing of 10,000 schools.

Sindh's Muhammad Ismail Rahoo confirmed the merit-based recruitment of 93,000 teachers, while Balochistan's Rahila Hameed Durrani reported the restoration of 3,200 closed schools, bringing 140,000 children back to classrooms.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported a six per cent increase in enrolment along with the recruitment of 10,000 teachers. AJK Minister Malik Zafar highlighted the allocation of Rs7 billion for 10,000 new classrooms. Gilgit-Baltistan also shared initiatives related to special funds for out-of-school children and the expansion of the 'School Meal Programme'.

Federal Secretary Education Nadeem Mahbub said all endorsed and approved projects would receive final ratification from the Education Emergency Task Force chaired by the prime minister. He also invited provinces to benefit from the federal board's reform programme and stressed the need to align matriculation and inter-tech programmes with global standards.

PIE DG Dr Muhammad Shahid Saroya informed the forum that the National Action Plan was developed over six months of stakeholder consultations to address the challenge of 25 million out-of-school children.

The conference concluded with the unanimous approval of several key agenda items, including technical education initiatives presented by DG FED Syed Junaid Akhlaq, the Education Emergency Task Force terms of reference, a data regime by PIE, modern curriculum reforms by Director NCC Tabassum Naz, and a character-building strategy presented by Chairman National Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen Authority Khurshid Ahmed Nadeem.

In his closing remarks, Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui congratulated stakeholders on the successful conduct of the conference, calling it a milestone in national harmony. He said the participation of all federal units on one platform reflected a strong commitment to overcoming educational challenges.

He added that sustaining this coordination is essential to meeting evolving global standards, noting that informal education, outreach to remote areas and the mainstreaming of madrasa students remain key priorities.

Senate panel orders job protection, salary clearance for ex-PWD employees

ISLAMABAD: A Senate panel on Wednesday directed the authorities to ensure proper adjustment of all employees of the erstwhile Public Works Department (PWD) with full job protection.

The direction was issued during a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Housing and Works, held here with Senator Nasir Mehmood in the chair.

The committee discussed in detail the issue of non-payment of salaries to 10 PWD employees whose salaries have remained outstanding since July 2025. It emphasised the need for immediate payment of the outstanding dues and adjustment of these employees from the same date on which other PWD employees in Balochistan were adjusted in various departments.

The committee was informed that salaries are being paid without interruption to employees adjusted in different organisations, including 1,493 employees of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), 970 of the Estate Office, 95 of the Ministry of Defence, one of the Federal Shariat Court, 60 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 116 of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), 35 of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), and 90 of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

In total, the committee was told that about 2,860 employees are receiving salaries without interruption. However, around 173 employees are approaching the Finance Division for budget allocation for the current financial year, while the verification process of 83 IB employees is under way. The chairman directed the concerned authorities to confirm whether all the stated employees are actually being paid salaries and to submit a clear and verified position to the committee.

The committee was further briefed on the issue of 15 lower-grade maintenance staff of the Central Civil Division, PWD, who were transferred to AGPR and the T Office, Lahore, but have neither been adjusted nor paid salaries for the past six months.

The committee expressed serious concern over the matter and stressed its expeditious resolution.

The Ministry of Housing and Works briefed the committee on the current status of absorption and induction of PWD employees, as well as the payment of their salaries, pensions, gratuity and other dues.

The committee also reviewed the status of acquisition, development and utilisation of Constantia Estate, Murree. It was informed that the additional deputy commissioner (Revenue), Murree, has advised the submission of a formal request addressed to the deputy commissioner for mutation of the land.

As the Estate Office has been assigned only watch and ward functions of the land, the case has been referred to the Ministry of Housing and Works to decide whether the mutation should be made in favour of the federal government through the ministry or in favour of the ministry through the estate office.

The committee was informed that the matter is under consideration by the competent authority.

Additionally, the ADC (Revenue) has forwarded a letter to the Civil Court, Rawalpindi, requesting the transfer of pending cases to the Dispute Resolution Committee under the Punjab Protection of Ownership of Immovable Property Ordinance for the disposal of sub judice matters. — Staff Reporter

Minister says accord points under AJK govt's domain implemented

By Tariq Naqash

MUZAFFARABAD: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) government on Wednesday reiterated that it had accepted and implemented in letter and spirit almost all points of its agreement with the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) that fell within its jurisdiction, while issues relating to the federal government could take some time due to the completion of the prescribed process.

"We have implemented all matters that were within our domain. However, federally funded projects are approved through a defined process, and that naturally takes time," Minister for Information and Religious Affairs Mohammad Rafique Nayyar said at a press conference.

"Similarly, matters related to constitutional amendments also take time because they pass through different stages," he added.

Mr Nayyar said the Pakistan People's Party-led government, under Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, had worked day and night during its one-and-a-half months in power to resolve public issues.

"The prime minister is young and energetic. He has removed the word 'rest' from his lexicon and has kept himself and his team constantly on their toes for public welfare," he said.

He said the atmosphere of inertia in the prime minister's office and the ministers' block had come to an end, adding that the government had held a record five cabinet meetings within a month and a half, approving measures to resolve public matters on a fast-track basis.

"The biggest challenge for the present government has been restoring public trust, a task in which, by the grace of Allah, it is succeeding."

Listing steps taken by the government in connection with the agreement, Mr Nayyar said that since Prime Minister Rathore himself was among the signatories on behalf of the AJK government, it placed an even greater responsibility on the government to ensure its implementation.

Regarding the reduction in the property transfer tax, he said the cabinet had already approved reducing the property transfer tax to 8.5 per cent, and a notification would be issued after the required legislation was enacted.

As for health cards, he said the government was not facing any financial constraints and that negotiations with the relevant company were under way. The prime minister, he said, had set a deadline of Jan 20 to resolve the issue.

Responding to a question as to why the government was not holding talks with the JAAC, Mr Nayyar said the government was always ready for negotiations and wanted to move forward by taking all stakeholders along.

BEFORE MR. MUHAMMAD AHSAN KHAN DURRANI (JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. IV, AT KARACHI
Block-48-A- Pakistan Secretariat, Saddar, Karachi
SUIT NO. 225 OF 2025

Messr United Bank Limed,

Having its registered Head office at UBL Tower I. I. Chandrigar Road Karachi and having concerned place of business at ..... **PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

ASHRAF KHURUAM S/o Irshad,

Muslim adult resident of flat No. 4, 4th floor, Irshad Plaza, Dr. Hingorani Road, Aram Bagh Karachi.....**DEFENDENTS**

To. The abovenamed Defendants

Whereas the abovenamed Plaintiff has instituted a Suit against you under section 9 (1) of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 (XLVI of 2001) for recovery of **Rs. 349,474.58 ALONG WITH CREDIT CARD NO. (4724390000209884)** you are hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within (Thirty) 30 days from the date of first service hereof to defend the suit. In default of your doing so, the allegations of fact in the plaint shall be deemed to be admitted and this court may pass a decree in favor of the plaintiff on the basis thereof.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application in the form or written statement containing a summary of substantial questions of law as well as facts in respect of which evidence needs to be recorded.

Returnable by 29th day of January 2026 at 8:30 am before the banking court IV at Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 26th of December 2025.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT No. IV,
KARACHI

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Suit No. 222 of 2025

M/S. UNITED BANK LIMITED,
HAVING ITS REGISTERED HEAD OFFICE AT UBL TOWER, I.I. CHUNDRIGAR ROAD KARACHI.....**Plaintiff**

Versus

SYED ALI ANWAR, S/O SYED ANWAR MAJEED,
MUSLIM, ADULT, RESIDENT OF FLAT NO. A-22 KOREEN PLAZA, PHASE 4, BLOCK 7, F. B. AREA, KARACHI.....**Defendants**

To, The above-named Defendants

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above-named has instituted a Suit against you Under Section 9(1) of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 (XLVI of 2001) for Recovery of **RS. 144,444.65 ALONG WITH CREDIT CARD NO. (4105240003407606).** You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within 30 (thirty) days from the date of first service hereof to defend the Suit In default of your doing so, the allegations of fact in the plaint shall be deemed to be admitted and this Court may pass a Decree in favor of the Plaintiff on the basis thereof.

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BY ORDER
READER,
BANKING COURT NO. IV KARACHI

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Dated: January 7, 2026

CORRIGENDUM

Reference to the Notice Inviting Tender (N.I.T) No # DUHS/W&S/2026/1645, Dated: 5th January, 2026, published in The Daily Dawn, The Daily Jang and The Daily Awami Awaz on 6th January, 2026.

"RENOVATION WORK FOR NEW AMPOULE AND BIOTECH SECTION AT DOW INSTITUTE OF LIFE SCIENCES (D.I.L.S) ON TURNKEY BASIS".
(REF. NO. DUHS/W&S-NIT/191)

In the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) date is mentioned as 5th January 2025 instead of 5th January 2026.

DIRECTOR
Works & Services
Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi

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TENDER NOTICE

Supply and Installation of Control Room Equipment, Power Backup and Networking Systems

PPHI SINDH is not for profit organization, registered under section 42 of the Companies Act 2017, invites sealed bids for the **"Supply and Installation of Control Room Equipment, Power Backup and Networking Systems"** from interested bidders having relevant experience on a **Single Stage - Two Envelope Bidding Procedure.**

A complete set of bidding documents containing basic eligibility and evaluation criteria and terms and conditions may be obtained from the Head office of PPHI SINDH Karachi by submitting a pay order of the amount **Rs. 1,000 in the name of PPHI SINDH (Non-refundable)** on submission of the application.

Description	Bid Security	Date & Time for Submission of Bids	Date & Time for Opening of Bids	Address for Receiving of Tender Documents & Submission of Bids
Procurement of Supply and Installation of Control room equipment, power backup, and networking system	1% of bid price	26th January, 2026 Monday at 3:00 PM	26th January, 2026 Monday at 4:00 PM	Procurement Wing & Conference Room Respectivel C-27/1, Block-2, Clifton, Near Umer Sharif Park, Karachi

1. The bidding documents will be issued from **09-1-2026 to 23-1-2026** during working days (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) at the address given above.
2. The bid will be opened publicly in the presence of bidders or their authorized representative who choose to present as per the given schedule as above.
3. In case of announcement of a Public Holiday or any unfavorable circumstances, the tenders/bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day. Other terms & Conditions, venue, and time will remain the same as mentioned in this Notice.
4. All bids shall include applicable Govt taxes, and these will be deducted from the bills/invoices, according to the government. Rules/Policy.
5. Bid Security @ 1% of the total value of the bid/contract must be submitted by the firms in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft and must be attached with "Financial Bid" in favor of PPHI SINDH; otherwise bid will not be considered and will be treated as non-responsive and rejected.

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Procurement of Intrauterine Contraceptive Device accessories for female users (IUCD)	1% of bid price	26th January 2026 Monday at 2:30 PM	26th January 2026 Monday at 3:30 PM	Procurement Wing & Conference Room Respectively C-27/1 Block-2, Clifton, Near Umer Sharif Park, Karachi

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